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ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES

1. SPONSORS CIRCULATING REVISED TEXT WHICH BEING SENT
SEPTEL. SEVERAL TONING DOWN REVISIONS MADE IN LANGUAGE
PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS. SIMILARLY REDRAFTING DONE ON
OPERATIVE PARAS BUT BASIC CONTENT REMAINS SAME AS ORI-
GINAL RESOLUTION L.579.

2. AS LAST INTERVENTION OF DAY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON IN
BRIEF, TIGHTLY REASONED STATEMENT REGRETTED THAT THE
PRESSURES WERE SUCH THAT ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION WOULD
NOT BE GIVEN TO MATTER OF SUCH COMPLEXITY, IMPORT AND
SENSITIVITY. DRAWING ON POSITION PAPER HE STATED
USDEL WOULD BE GUIDED BY OUR PRINCIPLED OPPOSITION
TO ELEMENTS OF GA 2980 WHICH WE VOTED AGAINST. HE
INDICATED (A) SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES SO
LONG AS THEY ARE IN COUNTRY OF REFUGE BUT OPPOSITION TO
PROVISION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE IN TERRITORIES, (B) WE
OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE AND ON PRINCIPLE SPECIAL AGENCY
ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAUSE THAT INVOLVED
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SPECIAL AGENCIES NOT ONLY IN POLITICS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN

ISSUES BUT ALSO IN POLITICS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THEMSELVES. FURTHER THAT CHANNELLING ASSISTANCE THROUGH MOVEMENTS RAISED PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF ASSURING THAT BENEFICIARIES ACTUALLY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION AMBASSADOR FERGUSON TOOK PARTICULAR UMBRAGE AT GHANIAN CALL FOR SPECIAL AGENCIES "TO RISE ABOVE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRAINT", (C) HE INDICATED THAT US HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES PROVIDED RULES PROVIDE FOR SUCH AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 7 GA 2980 WERE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. INDICATED THAT US PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO "REGOGNITION ASPECTS" OF SUCH REPRESENTATION. DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO USE OF WORDS "COUNTRIES" IN DOCUMENTS INSTEAD OF TERRITORIES AS IS CASE IN GA RESOLUTION 2980. HE REMINDED CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT NEITHER UN NOR ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES COULD IN ANY SENSE "RECOGNIZE" LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MOREOVER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD HAVE TO EXERCISE GREAT CARE TO AVOID CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BEING DELIBERATELY OR INADVERTANTLY MISCONSTRUED.

(D) LASTLY INDICATED US AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND CONSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY OPPOSED TERMINATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBER STATES OF UN ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. IN CONCLUSION INDICATED THAT WOULD SEEK A VOTE ON PARAS WHICH WERE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND WHICH COULD IN NO WISE BE AMENDED TO MEET OUR OBJECTIONS.

3. VOTE SCHEDULED MORNING AUGUST 2. IN ABSENCE FURTHER INSTRUCTION AMBASSADOR FERGUSON INTENDS FOLLOW TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTION, I.E. MOVE FOR DELETION WORDS "AND IF NECESSARY AMEND THEIR RELATIVE INSTRUMENTS" IN PARA 4(H), REQUEST AND OBTAIN SEPARATE VOTE OPERATIVE PARAS 1, 2, 4(G) AND (H), AND EXPLAIN ABSTENTION AS ARISING FROM INADEQUATE TIME AND NOT A PRECEDENT ON MERITS.

4. CANADIANS INDICATED THEY MOVING FOR SEPARATE VOTE SAME PARAS, WILL VOTE NO AND ABSTAIN ON ENTIRE RESOLUTION. UK AND SPAIN INDICATED WILL VOTE NO. AS USUAL FRENCH CONCEALING ULTIMATE INTENTION. DUTCH, SWEDES, NORWEGIANS, DANES, INDICATED YES VOTE. NO READING ON BELGIUM.
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